Operator Training

Internally Lined Steel Tank



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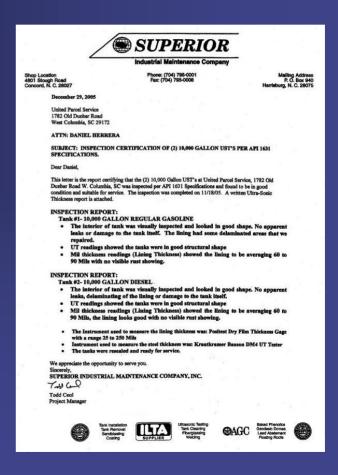


By 1998, all bare steel tanks had to be upgraded to meet new cathodic protection requirements. One method for this was to empty the tank, clean the tank, and then apply a fiberglass lining to the inside wall of the tank.

Within 10 years of installing the lining, the tanks must be internally inspected. This can be done by the use of a camera or by a person physically entering the tank. After the 10-year inspection, the tank must then have an internal inspection every 5 years.



Tank owners must keep records of the lining installation and the manufacturer's warranty. Also, all records of the lining inspections should be kept.



If an impressed current cathodic protection system was installed at the same time the tank was lined or before the lining was 10-years old and the integrity of the tank was ensured when the cathodic protection was installed, only the cathodic protection system testing is required not the internal inspections.

Please see the Impressed Current Cathodic Protection module if this situation applies to your facility.